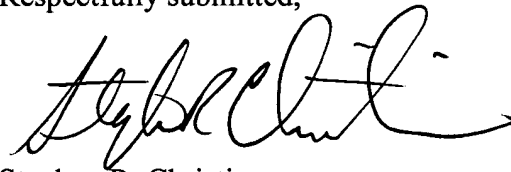


REMARKS

Entry of the amendment to paragraph 1 of the Specification, which updates the Government Rights paragraph, is respectfully solicited. This amendment is submitted prior to or concurrently with the payment of the issue fee and, therefore, no petition or fee is required. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen R. Christian", written in a cursive style.

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